purchase of Hindi typewriters by the Department of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) None.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) To achieve the target, a policy of purchasing bilingual equipments and making available Hindi software on computers is being followed.

Ban on issuing caste certificate in Delhi

†4523. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have imposed a ban on issuing caste certificate to the persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes living in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor together with the rationale behind depriving the employees of this facility, working in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Schemes for Adivasis/Tribals in Maharashtra

4524. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the schemes approved by Government for upliftment of Adivasis/tribals in Maharashtra;

(b) the number of tribals/adivasis benefited from these schemes during 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(c) what is the allocation of funds during the Ninth plan period for Maharashtra in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) to (c) The information is in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. III]

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